

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Office of Emergency Services	(2) MEETING DATE July 25, 2006	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ron Alsop 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT: Recommendation to Continue the Proclamation of Local Emergency Related to the Impact of Salmon Fishing Restrictions			
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST: This is a request to continue for 14 additional days the proclamation of Local Emergency the Board of Supervisors initially made on June 27, 2006 related to the impact of fishing restrictions on the local salmon industry.			
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that your Board extend for 14 days, to August 8, 2006, the proclamation of Local Emergency due to federal salmon fishing restrictions and the resulting impacts upon the salmon industry throughout San Luis Obispo County.			
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A	(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): State and federal elected officials. The County is also working with other affected counties.			
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____			
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All		(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)		(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number: 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____		(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">OK</div>			

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Ron Alsop, Office of Emergency Services

DAVID EDGE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Date: July 25, 2006

Subject: Recommendation to Continue the Proclamation of Local Emergency Related to the Impact of Salmon Fishing Restrictions

Recommendation:

It is recommended that your Board extend for 14 days, to August 8, 2006, the proclamation of Local Emergency due to federal salmon fishing restrictions and the resulting impacts upon the salmon industry throughout San Luis Obispo County.

Discussion:

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a Local Emergency, effective June 27, 2006 at 3:00 P.M., for the entire county, due to the serious circumstances of salmon fishing restrictions imposed by the federal government. These restrictions include no salmon fishing for an area of about 300 miles along the California coastline. The restrictions have put the livelihoods of families and businesses dependent upon salmon fishing at risk and have been and will continue to cause severe economic losses to salmon fisher families, individuals, and businesses.

In addition, on June 27 County Administrator David Edge made a request to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to add San Luis Obispo County to the proclamation of a State of Emergency he made June 6, 2006 due to the impacts from the significant restrictions that have been imposed on the State's salmon fisheries. On June 29, Governor Schwarzenegger did add our county to his State of Emergency proclamation.

A Local Emergency proclamation expires 14 days from the effective date, unless further extended or terminated. County Code Section 2.80.070 (2) requires that the Board of Supervisors review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every fourteen days until such local emergency is terminated. It also states that a proclamation of the termination of such local emergency occur at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

Due to the lack of a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting within the applicable 14 day timeframe after the June 27, 2006 proclamation of Local Emergency, your Board delegated the authority to review the need for continuing the local emergency to County

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Administrator and Director of Emergency Services David Edge. Having reviewed the need to continue the Local Emergency and having concluded that conditions continued to exist warranting extending the proclamation of Local Emergency, on July 11 CAO/ESD David Edge did extend the proclamation of Local Emergency for 14 days, to July 25, 2006.

The ability to assist local salmon fishers, as well as those who depend on the industry for their livelihood, is beyond the resources of the County of San Luis Obispo. While limited state and federal assistance programs—in the form of the opportunity to apply for low interest loans—have been put in place to assist those affected by the restrictions, additional assistance is being considered at the federal and state level. Since the ability to assist those in the local salmon industry, both fishers and those who otherwise rely on the industry is beyond the capability of the County, it is recommended your Board continue the Local Emergency for an additional 14 days and the notice of continuance be provided to state and federal elected officials to help emphasize the need for additional state and federal assistance.

The only action needed to extend the proclamation an additional 14 days is your approval of this Board of Supervisor's agenda item. At the end of the 14 day period, on August 8, a recommendation will again be made to your Board to either extend or terminate the proclamation of Local Emergency.

Other Agency Involvement:

The County Administrative Office, including the OES division, have been working with state and federal elected officials in an attempt to help obtain state and federal disaster assistance for local salmon fishers. In addition, the County Administrative Office/OES has worked with other counties to provide input into pending state legislation intended to assist salmon fishers and others dependant on the industry.

Financial Considerations:

As it relates to County financial considerations, there is no measurable impact. There is and will continue to be a severe impact to local salmon fishers as well as those individuals and businesses who provide services for or otherwise depend on the salmon fishing industry. Although there is no estimate on direct financial losses, a recent media report (July 12, Associated Press) indicates the State of California is reporting to federal officials that California salmon fishermen are catching roughly 6 percent of the number of fish caught last year.

Results:

Continuing the proclamation of Local Emergency indicates assistance for those affected by the restrictions is needed beyond the resources and capabilities of the County and will help demonstrate the seriousness of the situation to state and federal agencies which can provide assistance. This in turn may help result in additional state and federal financial assistance being made available to those affected by the salmon fishing restrictions.

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